

# Acting SECAF visits JBPHH



(Left) Acting Secretary of the Air Force Eric Fanning, middle, shakes hands with Pacific Air Forces Civilian Advisory Council members at a Royal Australian Air Force F-111C dedication ceremony at the Pacific Aviation Museum, Ford Island, Nov. 23. **U.S. Air Force photo by Tech Sgt. Jerome S. Tayborn** (Right) Acting Secretary of the Air Force Eric Fanning tosses rose petals into the well at the USS Arizona Memorial, Pearl Harbor, Nov. 23, in remembrance of those servicemembers who died during the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. **U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. LuCelia Ball**



# Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen in Hawaii recognized

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HONOLULU - Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen were honored at the Navy League of the United States Honolulu Council 53rd annual Sea Service Awards ceremony and luncheon held Nov. 21 at the Ala Moana Hotel.

The ceremony recognized military men and women who have provided exemplary service and performance of duty.

In addition to the Navy League representatives, Rear Adm. Rick L. Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and U.S. Coast Guardsman Rear Adm. Cari B. Thomas, commander of Fourteenth Coast Guard District, participated in the ceremony.

After the parading of colors and opening remarks from Mike Buck, master of ceremonies, those in attendance were treated to a lunch buffet.

Before the recipients received their awards, Williams, the keynote speaker of the event, spoke about the success, commitment and investment the service members have made to the U.S. military.

“Their awards are our rewards,” said Williams. “They are being awarded for their achievements.”

“We, in turn, will be rewarded in the future for the investment they have made. Through this ceremony we aim to inspire, pay tribute



Rear Adm. Richard L. Williams, commander, Navy Region Hawaii Naval Surface Middle Pacific, delivers remarks during the 53rd annual Navy League Sea Service Awards Luncheon at the Ala Moana Hotel. *(See additional photo on page A-5.)*

and celebrate them and their commitment – a commitment aligned to something bigger than themselves,” he said.

“You, the men and women we recognize today, are all-stars, shipmates building a legacy of trust for generations,” added Williams. “Thank you for your service, sense of purpose and exceptional leadership.”

David C. Livingston, president of the Honolulu Council of the Navy League of the United States, gave his personal thanks to the award recipients and service member in attendance.

“We ask a great deal of you—to

defeat terrorists around the globe, to rapidly respond to domestic disasters, to provide humanitarian assistance from Indonesia to Haiti,” Livingston said.

“Through your skill and service, the world is a better place. Yes, we ask a great deal from you, but you are our nation’s finest. We are proud of you. We sincerely thank you for your service and for putting your lives on the line to protect us,” he said.

After the keynote speaker gave his speech, Thomas, Livingston and Williams presented the awards to the 44 recipients of the Sea Service awards.

Receipients are listed here:  
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MST2 Laura E. Rayburn, USCGC Sector Honolulu  
BM3 Derek E. Haley, USCGC Rush (WHEC 723)  
SNBM Meghan L. Cahoon, USCGC Ahi (WPB 87364)  
Andrew J. Pang, Naval Shipyard

# Dec. 7 commemoration planned

National Park Service  
and Navy Region Hawaii

The National Park Service and the U.S. Navy will host a joint memorial ceremony commemorating the 72nd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor from 7:45 to 9:30 a.m. Dec. 7, at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument (formerly known as the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center).

The ceremony will take place on the back lawn of the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, looking directly out to the USS Arizona Memorial.

More than 2,500 distinguished guests and the general public are expected to join current and former military personnel, including Pearl Harbor survivors and other WWII veterans, for the annual observance of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

The theme of this year’s historic commemoration, “Sound The Alarm,” examines how thousands of Americans answered a call to duty in the wake of the attack.

“Sound the Alarm” also explores how the nation was unified through communication in 1941 and throughout the war.

This year’s keynote speaker for the Dec. 7 ceremony is Secretary Max Cleland of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

Adm. Harry B. Harris, Jr., who assumed duties as commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Oct. 16, is scheduled to speak.

At 7:55 a.m., the exact moment the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor began 70 years ago, a moment of silence will be observed. A guided-missile destroyer will render honors to the USS Arizona, and a flyover will be conducted above Pearl Harbor.

The ceremony will conclude with a “Walk of Honor” by Pearl

Harbor survivors and other WWII veterans through an honor cordon of military service members and National Park Service men and women.

The commemoration is free of charge and open to the public. Seats for the general public to the commemoration are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. The visitor center will open early at 6 a.m. Seating for the public will begin at 7:15 a.m.

There will be limited public parking for the ceremony at the visitor center. Additional parking will be available at

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## Volunteers sought for Dec. 7 observance

Volunteers from all pay grades and skill sets are being sought for the National Park Service and U.S. Navy’s Dec. 7 observance commemorating the 72nd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

A meeting for all volunteers or command representatives is scheduled from 1 to 2 p.m. Dec. 2 at Sharkey Theater, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

For more information, contact the Pearl Harbor Day volunteer coordinator OSC David Klein at david.klein3@navy.mil, or call 471-3521 or (928) 525-6776.



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# USS Chosin returns to Hawaii from independent deployment

MC2 Dustin W. Sisco

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The Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) returned to its homeport of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Nov. 22 from a deployment to the western Pacific.

Commanded by Capt. Patrick Kelly, the ship and its crew of nearly 340 Sailors departed Hawaii on April 30th and conducted integrated operations with allies and partners during the ship's six-month deployment.

“Accomplishments like Chosin's are recognized by foreign navies as they admire our warfighting readiness in exercises and sustainment at sea,” said Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific(MIDPAC). “An important lesson is how our ships attract great partners and inspire like-minded nations to share interests, commit to ideals of freedom, and agree to work together for the common good.”

In October, Chosin participated in the International Fleet Review held in Sydney, Australia. Additionally, the ship's crew participated in a number of multilateral-fleet-training exercises conducted along the coast of Australia.

“It was an honor for Chosin to represent the United States Navy in a contingent of more than 20 international warships that joined the Royal Australian Navy in their most significant commemorative event of the last 100 years,” Kelly said. “I was especially excited for Chosin's Sailors as this was, for many, a once-in-a-lifetime experience.”

Sailors aboard the Chosin echoed the captain about the importance of the port call to Australia and how for some it was the highlight of their trip.

“We visited Japan, Korea multiple times, the Philippines, and the highlight of the cruise was in Australia, where we hit three ports and represented the Navy in the International Fleet Review,” said Lt.j.g Benjamin Fong, food service officer. “I wanted to join the Navy to deploy, so that wasn't difficult for



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Diana Quinlan

Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) arrives to its homeport of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam following a deployment to the western Pacific.



(Left) A Sailor assigned to the guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) hugs his son after the ship pulled in to its homeport.    U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Dustin W. Sisco

(Above) Family members of Sailors wave and cheer.    U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Dustin W. Sisco

me but it is good to be home, the basic comforts and everyone being able to see their families again is really great after seven months away.”

Throughout the summer, Chosin

conducted theater security operations with partner nations while providing deterrence, promoting peace and security, and preserving freedom of the seas.

“I am proud of our Chosin team,”

Kelly said. “And we are all thankful for the strong support of our families and loved ones throughout the deployment.”

Sonar Technician (Surface) 2nd Class Joseph Maglione, a Sailor

assigned to the Chosin, talked about how he felt about being on deployment.

“This was my first deployment, and it turned out to be really fun – especially our port visits to Australia and Hong Kong,” Maglione said. "We did a lot of good things and although I had a great time, I am glad to be home."

Among the many guests was Korean War veteran and member of the Chosin Few, Robert Talmadge, who has attended several Chosin homecomings.

“I’ve been able to make every deployment I think, except one of them when the ship came in unexpectedly,” Talmadge said. “The group is usually here in a larger number but we’re all in our 80s, and so not all of us are operating as well. In 1983, veterans of the Chosin war decided to start their own organization and one of the first things they did was ask the secretary of the Navy to name a ship, fighting ship after the Chosin reservoir.”

Chosin is one of 10 surface ships currently assigned to Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

The ship is the first U.S. Navy warship named in commemoration of the First Marine Division's heroism at the Chosin reservoir in the Korean War, considered the most savage battle of modern warfare. The ship's motto is “invictus,” Latin for invincible or unconquered.

U.S. Navy guided-missile cruisers are primarily multi-mission (air warfare, undersea warfare, naval surface fire support and surface warfare) surface combatants capable of supporting carrier strike groups and amphibious forces, operating independently, and serving as flagships of surface action groups.

Commander, U.S. Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific leads and manages the overall warfighting capability of the Surface Combatant Force homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. MIDPAC ships support U.S. Pacific Fleet in leading America's rebalance to the Pacific.

U.S. Third Fleet leads naval forces in the eastern Pacific from the West Coast of North America to the international date line.



Commentary

# Thankful for families, friends, shipmates

**Rear Adm. Rick Williams**

*Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific*

When we think of the many joys and blessings we have, at the very top are our families, friends and shipmates.

During Thanksgiving and the start of the holiday season let's pause and consider those less fortunate than ourselves.

How can we help in

the community? How can we help shipmates and families in need? Where can we make a difference?

President John F. Kennedy, a former Navy officer, famously said, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."

Military service members, Department of Defense civilians and certainly military families have committed themselves to service.



Rear Adm. Rick Williams

At this moment in Afghanistan and at many other dangerous places in the world service members are committed to protecting us from violent extremists who would do us harm.

Thousands of Americans are on the ground in the Republic of the Philippines today providing support and assistance to that typhoon-ravaged country.

Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Soldiers and Coast Guardsmen are on watch around the globe right now – far from their

families, far from home. Many of them will be deployed through the holiday season.

MIDPAC's own USS Hopper (DDG 70) is on watch this winter as a guardian of freedom in the 5th Fleet and 7th Fleet areas of operation. They are serving as part of our joint forces, building partnerships and ensuring stability.

I would like to thank USS Hopper Sailors and their families for their sacrifice as they are separat-

ed during this time. They are making a positive difference in the world through their service.

Another part of service is the duty we have to take care of ourselves. Be safe. Do not take unnecessary risk. We lose too many of our shipmates to motorcycle and car accidents. Think of your families, shipmates and friends. Be careful.

I hope you and your loved ones have a happy and safe Thanksgiving weekend.

Commentary

## Thanksgiving message expresses gratitude to DoD community

**Secretary Of Defense Chuck Hagel**

One hundred fifty years ago, in the midst of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of Thanksgiving.

Though it was a time of hardship, Thanksgiving was a day for Americans to express gratitude for the many blessings they enjoyed, including the sacrifices of those serving in uniform and their families.

Every year since, Americans have come together during this season

to reflect and to give thanks.

As this special American holiday draws near, I want to extend my personal gratitude to the entire Department of Defense community for your work to keep our country strong and secure.

Whether you are in uniform or a civilian, whether deployed abroad or stationed here at home, it is your service and commitment that allows Americans to enjoy the blessings of Thanksgiving.

Your strength, selflessness, and patriotism are



Secretary Of Defense Chuck Hagel

deeply respected by the American people, and we are very thankful for your commitment to our country.

This time of year is especially difficult for service members who are serving far away from their families and loved ones.

To all those deployed overseas: know that Americans will be thinking about you as they gather around the Thanksgiving table, and praying for your safe return.

To their families back here at home: Americans will always be indebted to you for sacrificing on their behalf. And to all DoD personnel everywhere and your families: thank you and Happy Thanksgiving.

## Diverse Views



**What steps do you take to keep your personal property safe from theft, especially around the holiday season?**



**GM1 Rodel Valdez**  
*USS O'Kane*

"Just have everything insured. If it gets stolen, it gets stolen. There's nothing you can really do about it."

**Staff Sgt. Matthew Hall**  
*15th Maintenance Squadron*



"I like to take the extra minute to ensure my doors are locked and windows are secured around the house. Also, that my cars are locked and that there are no valuables lying out in the open."



**HTFR Isiah Hussain**  
*USS Chung-Hoon*

"Lock it up. It's the best thing. If you're on the ship, there's a ship's store. And everyone's a family if things come up missing."

**Shantel Mendoza**  
*Military spouse*

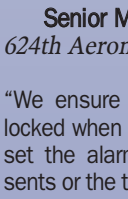


"We keep all our holiday gifts locked up in our storage unit away from everyone."



**SHSN Michael Jones**  
*USS Halsey*

"Keep it locked up. Know what you have and be accountable for your own stuff."



**Senior Master Sgt. Patricia Kawa'a**  
*624th Aeromedical Staging Squadron*

"We ensure all windows and doors are locked when leaving the house as well as set the alarm. We don't place any presents or the tree in front of windows where they can be seen from outside on the street."



**FC3 Latisha Gulley**  
*NAVSEA PAC*

"I don't do anything outside the norm. I guess it all depends on where you live. I always try to live somewhere safe. And lock the door. Always keep it locked, even if you're in the house."

*Provided by Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi and David D. Underwood Jr.*

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## Maj. Gen. Tinker served as commanding presence



U.S. Air Force photo

Maj. Gen. Clarence L. Tinker with the Army Air Corps personally led his Airmen into combat missions during the early days of World War II. He perished, along with his crew, during the battle of Midway. After the Pearl Harbor attack, he was named commander of the Army Air Corps' Hawaiian Air Force, which became the 7th Air Force in February 1942, with Tinker as its first commander. He was a member of the Osage Indian tribe and the highest-ranking Native American in the military. November is American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month.



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# Series of upcoming events planned for Pearl Harbor Day

## National Park Service

World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument has announced a new highlight to this year’s Dec. 7 commemoration ceremony. Through a partnership with Veterans United Home Loans, the National Park Service will host an interactive Google+ Hangout, allowing Pearl Harbor survivors and World War II veterans to be a part of the Dec. 7 ceremonies, even if they cannot travel to Honolulu.

Beginning at 7 a.m. Hawaii time, before the main ceremony begins, Pearl Harbor survivors, World War II veterans and audiences located at partnering sites across the mainland will be speaking with Pearl Harbor survivors on Oahu and introducing themselves to all those who are participating in the Hangout through the “face-to-face-to-face” streaming technology.

Following the Hangout, the main ceremony will begin at 7:45 a.m., where participants will join the ceremony with the same view as if they were sitting in the audience on the main lawn of the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. The recording of the **72nd anniversary will be available live stream on youtube.com/veteransunited**

The series of events planned by the National Park Service to commemorate the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Oahu include:

- **Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 7, 14**
- The play “Nothing Is The Same” will be performed Nov. 29,

7:30 p.m.; Nov. 30, 4:30 p.m.; Dec. 7, 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Dec. 14, 4:30 p.m. at Honolulu Theatre for Youth Tenney Theatre. The play explores how on Dec. 7, 1941, the lives of four 11 year olds living on Oahu are changed forever when Pearl Harbor is attacked.

This play explores what friendship means when everything in one’s world is turned upside down. The play is recommended for kids ages 8 and up. Visit the Honolulu Theatre for Youth website [www.htyweb.org](http://www.htyweb.org) for tickets or call 839-9885.

**Nov. 30**

- “After Dark In The Park: Remembering Pearl Harbor: The Media’s Coverage of the Attack” at 6 p.m. at Pearl Harbor Visitor Center movie theaters. Admission is free.

The event will focus on the media coverage of Dec. 7 and how the country first heard about the attack. Seating is limited. Call 422-3316 for reservations.

**Dec. 5, 6, 8**

- Narrated historic Pearl Harbor boat tours will be held at 2:45 p.m. on Dec. 5, 2:15 and 2:45 p.m. on Dec. 6, and 2:15 and 2:45 p.m. on Dec. 8 at Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

Narrated by National Park Service rangers, this one-hour boat tour takes visitors around historic Ford Island to view many of the notable sites of the 1941 Japanese air raid on Pearl Harbor.

All boats will depart from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. The program is offered separate from

the normal park program and includes a stop at the USS Arizona Memorial. Seating is limited. Reservations are required. Tickets can be booked online at [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov) or by calling 954-8721.

**Dec. 6**

- USS Utah sunset ceremony from 5 to 6 p.m. at USS Utah Memorial, Ford Island.

Pearl Harbor survivors, military personnel and their families and friends are invited to attend a sunset ceremony honoring those lost aboard the USS Utah at the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island. Base access is required.

**Dec. 7**

- NPS and U.S. Navy Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration Ceremony at 7:45 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. The event is open to the public.

Attendees should arrive at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center at 7 a.m. at the latest. Free public parking is available at Aloha Stadium, with free shuttles to the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center starting at 6 a.m.

- Ewa Field Memorial from 7:45 to 9 at Ewa Marine Corps Air Station. Admission is free. The Aloha Chapter of the Marine Corps League and the Honolulu Council of the Navy League of the United States will observe the 72nd Anniversary of the Japanese attack at Ewa Marine Corps Air Station to honor those Marines who fought and died here.

- Hickam Field ceremony from 7:55 to 9 a.m. at Atterbury Circle, Hickam Field. Admission is free. The 15th Wing will host the 72nd

annual Dec. 7, 1941 remembrance ceremony to honor the 189 killed and 303 wounded during the attacks. The ceremony is open to all military identification card holders, veterans, survivors of the attack, and guests of attending survivors. Base access is required. Attendees must be in place by 7:15 a.m.

- USS Oklahoma Memorial Pearl Harbor Day remembrance from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., USS Oklahoma Memorial, Ford Island.

The event will be hosted by the National Park Service in honor of those who served on the USS Oklahoma during the attack on Pearl Harbor. Those who wish to attend the ceremony can catch a free shuttle departing every 15 minutes from the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park, which is adjacent to the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, beginning at 12:30 p.m. The memorial is located on Ford Island, near Fox-5 Pier next to the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

- Pearl Harbor Memorial Day Parade from 5 to 7 p.m. from Ft. DeRussy to Kapiolani Park.

The Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade committee will host the 72nd Anniversary Pearl Harbor Parade featuring Pearl Harbor survivors, military and government officials, and marching bands and parade units from the U.S. mainland and Hawaii.

For more information on the Dec. 7 remembrance events, visit the website [http://www.pacifichistoricparks.org/phh\\_events.php](http://www.pacifichistoricparks.org/phh_events.php)

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Richardson Field. The public is encouraged to arrive early to allow time for parking and going through security at the visitor center.

Military dress for the event is summer whites or service equivalent. The civilian dress code for the commemoration is aloha business attire, long pants and collared shirts.

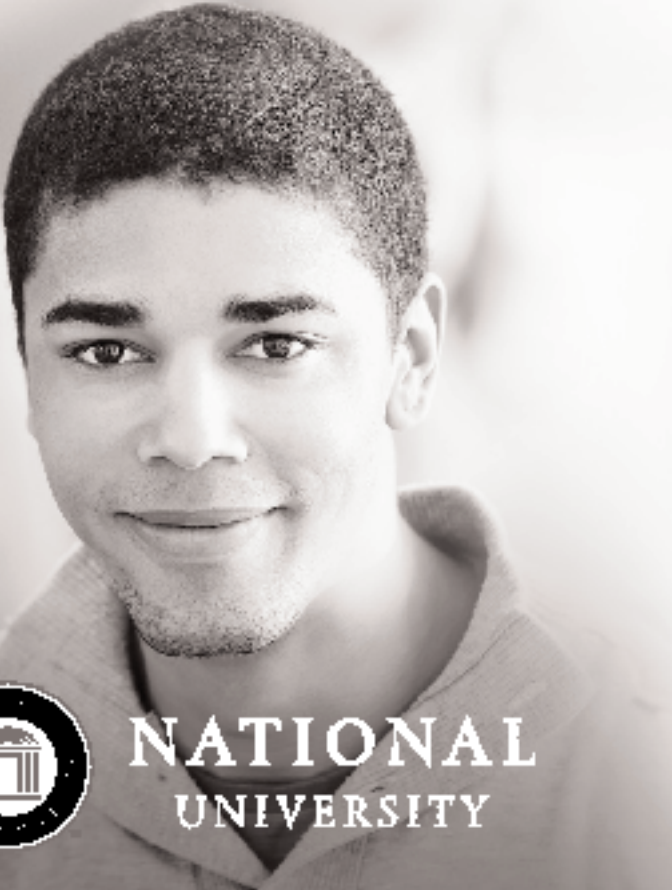
Public tours to the USS Arizona Memorial will be operating on a special schedule on Dec. 7, due to the morning ceremony. The first public tour will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the last tour beginning at 1:30 p.m. Tours begin every 15 minutes and include a 23-minute movie presentation followed by a short boat ride and visit to the Memorial. Tickets are free and distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.


In addition, a Hickam Field Remembrance Ceremony from 7:55 to 9 a.m. at Atterbury Circle, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Admission is free. The 15th Wing will host the 72nd annual Dec. 7, 1941 remembrance ceremony to honor the 189 killed and 303 wounded during the attacks.

The ceremony is open to all military identification card holders, veterans, survivors of the attack, and guests of attending survivors. Base access is required. Attendees must be in place by 7:15 a.m. Military members ranks 0-6 and above can RSVP by today via email at [15wg.ccp@hickam.af.mil](mailto:15wg.ccp@hickam.af.mil) or call 449-1514. Military dress code is uniform of the day and civilian dress should be aloha attire. In case of inclement weather the event will be held at the Courtyard of Heroes, PACAF headquarters.

For more information on Pearl Harbor Day commemorative events, visit [www.pacifichistoricparks.org](http://www.pacifichistoricparks.org).

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# Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



Coast Guardsman, Marines and Sailors attend the 53rd annual Navy League Sea Service Awards Luncheon Nov. 21 at the Ala Moana Hotel.

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Lt. Cmdr. Daniel Bond leads a Nov. 23 tour of the guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73) for officers and midshipman from the Republic of Korea destroyer ROK Dae Jo Yeong (DDH 997) and the fast combat support ship ROK Hwacheon (AOE 59) on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Korean sailors are slated to participate in a wreath-laying ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) commemorating the 60th anniversary since the signing of the Korean War armistice agreement and lasting peace between the U.S. and South Korea.



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Officers and midshipman from the Republic of Korea destroyer ROK Dae Jo Yeong (DDH 997) and the fast combat support ship ROK Hwacheon (AOE 59) take a tour of the guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Nov. 23.



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Sailors from the guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70) recently volunteer their time to clean off rocks from a burial platform on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. This cultural site contains native Hawaiian remains discovered in the surrounding area.



U.S. Air Force photo by SrA Christopher Stolz

Fifteen newly-selected Air Force Chief Master Sergeants (E-9) from Hickam celebrated their promotion to the highest enlisted rank Nov. 22 at Foster's Point. The 15 selectees were part of the 400 Air Force-wide chiefs promoted this year, who represent less than one-percent of the active duty enlisted force.



# USS Olympia holds change of command ceremony

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The command of a warship was passed down at a ceremony held Nov. 20 for the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Olympia (SSN 717) aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

Cmdr. Michael Boone, commanding officer of Olympia, was relieved by Cmdr. Thomas Shugart.

The ceremony's guest speaker, Capt. Rick Stoner of Commander Submarine Squadron Seven, praised Boone for his exceptional performance while in command of Olympia.

"Congratulations on a tremendous tour and in meeting every mission and ensuring Olympia was ready to take the fight to the enemy every day," said Stoner.

"You have performed superbly in the most important job in the Navy and in the pinnacle of naval service," he said.

Boone said he is proud that he had the opportunity to be in command of Olympia and work with a fantastic team of Sailors.

"Serving as the commanding officer has been the professional honor of my life. Men, what you do matters. Your ability to employ Olympia anywhere in the world makes nations take notice," said Boone.

"What you do every day to make 'Mighty Oly' ready matters. I strongly



Cmdr. Michael Boone is piped ashore after being relieved by Cmdr. Thomas Shugart as commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Olympia (SSN 717) at a change of command ceremony at the Battleship Missouri Memorial, Nov. 20.

urge you to continue to make it happen."

During the ceremony, Boone was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

As Shugart assumed command of Olympia, he thanked Boone for turning over a great command and an even greater crew.

"To the proud and mighty Olympia, it has been a pleasure getting to know you as individuals, and I thank you for your professionalism and openness during my turnover

period. It is an honor and privilege to serve as your new commanding officer," said Shugart.

"I task you all to learn something new about our warship and its employment every day, continue to build depth on our bench, continuously train our reliefs, always be prepared, and always do the right thing," Shugart said.

Olympia is the United States Navy's 104th nuclear powered submarine and the 95th of the

attack submarine fleet. She is the 29th of the Los Angeles-class, nuclear-powered fast attack submarine to be delivered to the Navy.

Los Angeles-class submarines are ideally suited for covert surveillance, intelligence gathering and special forces missions. This stealth, when combined with the submarine's Tomahawk cruise missiles, mines and torpedoes, provides the operational commander with an unseen force multiplier.

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